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### REMARKS

1) Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1 – 39 were pending in the case.

Claims 1 and 13 – 18 were allowed.

Claim 26 was rejected as being anticipated by US Patent 3,605,638 of James.

Claims 2 – 7 were subject to an objection.

Claims 8 – 12 and 19 – 39 were rejected under 35 USC 112.

2) Commentary on Claims

Claim 2

Claim 2 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 8

Claim 8 has been amended by indicating that the first and second ends are ends of the beam member.

Claims 19 to 21

Claims 19 to 21 have been amended to provide agreement with the antecedent noun, as suggested by the Examiner, and the first and second ends have been identified as first and second ends of the beam member.

Claim 24

The dependency of claim 24 has been amended to depend from claim 23, thus yielding proper antecedent basis for the noun.

Claim 26

The Examiner appears not to have read claim 26 quite the way it was intended. The transport fitting is movable relative to the remainder of the coil stop. The claim has been amended to indicate that the transport fitting is movably mounted relative to the coil stop. As such it can be seen that claim 26 is not anticipated by US Patent 3,605,638 of James.

Claim 27

Claim 27 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

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Claim 34

Claim 34 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claim 35

Claim 35 has been amended by re-arranging the wording of the claim in a more easily understood manner to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Claims 36 and 37

In Claims 36 and 37 the term "first portion" has been replaced with --- coil stop ---.

Claim 38

Claim 38 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections by clarifying to which first and second positions the claim refers.

Claim 39

Claim 39 has been amended to identify the first and second ends as being the first and second ends of the beam member.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing arguments and claim amendments, the applicant submits that the claims pending in this case are presently in a condition for allowance. Therefore, the applicant requests early and favourable disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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